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Title: ADDITIVE AND INKJET RECORDING MEDIUM USING ADDITIVES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) An inkjet recording medium, wherein the recording medium is formed by providing an ink absorption layer on a sheet-like substrate surface which has poor ink absorption properties, and the additive according to Claim 1 is contained in said ink absorption layer.

5. (Amended) The inkjet recording medium as defined in Claim 4, wherein ordinary paper or coated paper is impregnated by a solution containing an additive having a cationic resin as principal component, this resin being obtained by the reaction of at least a secondary amine, ammonia, an epihalohydrin and a crosslinking agent.

6. (Amended) The inkjet recording medium as defined in Claim 4, wherein the ordinary paper or coated paper substrate is manufactured from a pulp slurry containing an additive having a cationic resin as principal component, this resin being obtained by the reaction of at least a secondary amine, ammonia, an epihalohydrin and a crosslinking agent.